



Loudoun News

Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Friends:

Our collective thanks to Congressman Frank Wolf in his efforts to secure federal funding for Loudoun County to enhance its efforts to be better prepared to respond to emergencies. The \$4.3 million grant from the Justice Department will go a long way in helping our Fire and Rescue Services Department and the Sheriff in doing their jobs.

With the fast approaching new school year almost upon us, please take the time to read the story on page two on how we can help a needy child be prepared to have all of his/

her school supplies before the school year arrives. My special thanks to all of the local retailers who are participating in this program.

The ever popular Discover Loudoun program is accepting applications through September 5. Please take the time to catch up on with this exciting program offers.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York
Chairman

Congressman Wolf Delivers \$4.3 Million Public Safety Grant to Loudoun

I am pleased to report that Congressman Frank Wolf recently appeared before the Board of Supervisors to announce that the \$48.6 million approved late last year by Congress to help northern Virginia localities address critical emergency response needs has begun to be released. The Justice Department recently released money to Loudoun County in the amount of \$4.3 million.

The breakdown was based on each locality's proximity to the Pentagon and Washington, D.C. The money will be used, among other things, for specialized protective suits and breathing masks for fire fighters and rescue workers, hazardous material detectors, fire and rescue vehicles and state-of-the-art communications equipment. Each locality was required to

submit in detail to the Justice Department how it plans to use the money. The Justice Department administers the grant program from which the money is available.

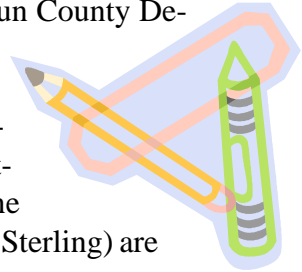
"This money will go a long way toward helping our region be more prepared to deal with any future emergency," Wolf said. Wolf applauded Loudoun's decision to use a portion of its money to purchase chemical and biological protective gear and other hazardous operations equipment. Training area emergency personnel on how to use the equipment also is critical, Wolf said. "In the new environment that our nation's emergency responders are expected to operate, your decision is wise" Wolf said in remarks before the Board.

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Helping Our Children

Help children of low-income families return to school prepared for the school year ahead. When you visit participating grocery stores or pharmacies, purchase a school supply for a needy child.

Area stores, in cooperation with the Loudoun United Way, Loudoun County Department of Social Services and local nonprofit human service agencies, are holding a drive in August to collect school supplies for children who cannot afford them. Shoppers across Loudoun County will have the opportunity to make a child happy by donating a needed school item at participating Giant, Safeway, Sterling Wal-Mart, CVS and Rite Aid stores. The Leesburg Pharmacy, Purcellville Pharmacy and Collett Family Practice (in Sterling) are also partners and will be collecting donations.



Loudoun nonprofits, government agencies, and elementary schools will distribute the supplies. Participating agencies include: YMCA-Big Friends, Northeast Coalition, LARC, Department of Mental Health, Good Shepherd Alliance, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Transitional Housing, Department of Social Services and several area elementary schools.

Look for a donation box or shopping cart with the School Supplies posters and fliers in participating stores and donate to a child in need. Students need book bags, spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, number 2 pencils, loose leaf 3-ring paper, scissors (round end), rulers, crayons, composition books, pocket folders, and many other items.

Call the Loudoun United Way at 703-777-3920 or Department of Social Services at 703-771-5718 for more information.

Discover Loudoun Now Accepting Applications

Discover Loudoun is now accepting applications for the September 2002 program which begins on Thursday, September 5.

Discover Loudoun is a month-long, four-part academy designed to educate and engage all people who live or work in Loudoun County about government, business, education and not-for-profit organizations. Discover Loudoun is a partnership between Leadership Loudoun and Loudoun County Government. The cost of the program is \$40 per person and includes a bus tour and materials. Participants experience:

§ **September 5 - First Session – Bus tour and history of Loudoun County**

§ **September 12 - Second Session – Orientation to county government**

§ **September 19 - Third Session – Network with county departments and non-profits agencies**

§ **September 26 - Fourth Session – Connect with community leaders and explore volunteer opportunities**

To apply for more information, please contact Robin Geiger at the Loudoun County Public Information Office at 703-771-5511.